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I very much support the overturn of Judge Jackson's ill-advised court ruling and the softening of the government's approach to Microsoft. Gates and his company have built without question the premier operating system and peripherals in the world. Would any of us want to depend on other products? I wouldn't and suspect that most people would line up on my side. Why do we try to penalize successful companies who pay more and more taxes as they become more successful?

Believe me, if any of Microsoft's competitors had built the same so-called monopoly, they would be screaming like banshees if the government or anyone else tried to break them into pieces. We operate by the golden rule; whoever has the gold rules. That would be Microsoft. Leave them alone and let them continue to make great products, make lots of money, and pay lots of taxes so the Department of Justice, among others, can exist.

Thanks for the opportunity to give my opinion. I love America and our capitalistic system. There will always be big guys and little guys, and no amount of governmental intervention will ever make things even. I want to be president of my company, but maybe I don't have what it takes to get to the top. Microsoft has what it takes and has proved it in the marketplace. Why hasn't Netscape, Linux, etc., etc. been able to do the same? Because they're not as good.

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